

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2004, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claims 1, 3-22, and 24-43 are currently pending in this application.


Claim 1 has been amended to recite that a raised member is provided on one of the outer surface of the body of the cutting head or the inner surface of the clamp, a recess being provided on the other of the two surfaces, the raised member and recess engaging each other in a weight-bearing manner to vertically position and support the cutting head assembly within the clamp. This structure is not taught or suggested in the cited references, and applicant respectfully submits that claim 1, as amended, is allowable over the cited art. Given that claim 1 as amended covers the arrangement recited in claim 2, which the examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, claim 2 has been cancelled.

In addition, in response to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, applicants enclose herewith a document entitled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Applicant respectfully submits that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. If questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,
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